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Classified By: Acting DCM Natalie E. Brown for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Jordan formally recognized Kosovo on July 7 following months of internal discussion. On the recommendation of Foreign Minister Nasser Judeh, the Council of Ministers agreed to support full diplomatic relations rather than a gradual increase in unofficial ties (Ref A). According to MFA contacts, the official exchange of letters "will be ironed out later." It remains unclear whether Jordan will have a resident or non-resident ambassador in Pristina -- MFA officials told us that it will largely depend on what Kosovo reciprocally offers.

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